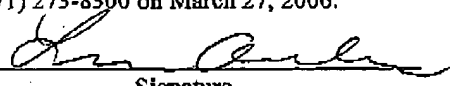


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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is in response to the final Office Action mailed December 27, 2005, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before March 27, 2006. The Amendment and Reply meets the requirements for a "submission" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) and is therefore entitled to full consideration. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner carefully consider the arguments and amendments presented in this Amendment and Reply.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.